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LCCASSOCK Contact Report

Re: LCCASSOCK-1-201 file:

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"Contact Rpts" file*

Date of Meeting 20 Oct 1958

....This was not a very satisfactory meeting. ~~Imp~~ L-1 has not recovered from his recent frustrations (budget cutback and reorganization) as I had hoped he would. His attitude now appears to be one of guarded passivity vis-aviz by proposals and wishes, and he displays little or no interest in the media currently being pushed in the project. My guess is that he had decided to sit tight and hope that Bonn will salvage his hopes and fill the financial void, as a result of his new contacts with G-d and Defense Ministries. In response to my query about the status of these contacts, he was discernably evasive. I have the feeling he's holding out on me, in the hope that, if the contacts lead to a restoration of his "losses", he can take a more independent stance vis-a-viz us. Just a guess, but worth remembering in the context of current Bonn Liaison talks.....L-1 could tell me nothing about the Danish CP Chairman's "revisionist" memo which I had asked him to check on. He had obviously made no effort to follow up on this. A good example of his current passivity.....I pointedly reminded L-1 and [] that I was not ~~satisfied~~ satisfied with their response on recent specialized items. L-1 again "forgot" to bring copies of the September SED Lagebericht and to give me distribution info on it. He was also obviously unconcerned about the current lag in the "two-a-month" scheduling of specialized items; and, in response to my specific query about proposals for November, he could merely shrug his shoulders.

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L-1's present feet-dragging is obviously the result of (1) recent reorganization and financial pressures, and (2) my personal attitude toward L-1 with respect to these setbacks. I am convinced we will gain nothing by holding L-1's hand at this juncture, by holding out hopes for better times ahead, or by maintaining his prop. views in the face of our shift in policy. On the other hand, I can see little hope for a resumption of a productive relationship with L-1 unless he adapts himself to the "new regime". In effect this means a showdown on the question of who's running the show ---we or him. I personally favor such a showdown, but I recognize that it will have to be timed and toned in the light of the new proposals out of Bonn on the new PW center and L-L's role in the same...

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